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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, filed 5/15/06 with respect to claims 1-51 have been considered but are not persuasive.

Applicants argue that "Nowhere does Jasinaki teach or suggest a digital broadcast receiver". The Examiner respectfully disagrees, Jasinaki discloses "the receiver backend 208 providing a stream of digital data representing the received addresses and messages" (see col.8 lines 38-40), reads on "digital broadcast receiver".

Applicants argue that "Further, claim 19 also recite, inter alia, a digital broadcast receiver for receiving at least a first portion of said streaming information as a transmission burst." Jasinaki also fails to teach or suggest this feature. In particular, contrary to the Office Action's assertions, Jasinaki does not teach or suggest of receiving at least aportion of streaming information as a transmission burst. The Jasinaki passage relied upon by the Office Action merely discloses a query signal which is transmitted as a signal burst. Col. 7, 11. 41-49. The passage further discloses transmitting a synchronization code word and a functional address subsequent to the query signal. Id However, the query signal and the synchronization code word and address transmissions are independent of one another. That is, the two transmissions do not constitute portions of a streaming information. As such, neither the query signal nor the synchronization code word and functional address constitutes a first portion of strenming information. Claim 19 is thus allowable for this additional reason". The Examiner respectfully disagrees, Jasinaki discloses "the query signal burst is received"

(see col.10 lines 20-21), reads on "a first portion of said streaming information as a transmission burst" with reasonable interpretation.

Applicants argue that "Amended independent claims 1 and 46, recites, inter alia, ccpowering-up a digital broadcast receiver in the mobile terminal in synchronicity with said transmission burst such that the mobile terminal is powered-up when said transmission burst is being transmitted." (Emphasis added). As previously discussed with respect to claims 19 and 31, Jasinaki is directed to analog broadcasts and receivers. As such, Jasinaki teaches away from digital broadcast systems and in particular, digital broadcast receiver. The secondary references cited in the Office Action also do not teach or suggest digital broadcast receivers and thus, fail to cure this deficiency of Jasinaki. For example, both Sayers and Drum disclose GSM networks but do not teach or suggest digital broadcast receivers. Kalveram is similarly defective. Even if any of Sayers, Kalveram and Drum did teach a digital broadcast receiver, there would be no motivation to use such a receiver in combination with Jasinaki since Jasinaki is specifically directed to frequency modulated FM systems (i.e., analog systems), not digital broadcast systems. Claim 1 is thus allowable for at least this reason". As the Examiner mention above, Jasinaki discloses "the receiver backend 208 providing a stream of digital data representing the received addresses and messages" (see col.8 lines 38-40), reads on "digital broadcast receiver".

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 19-20, 27-28, 31, 34 and 40, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Jasinaki (US Patent 5,070,329).

Regarding claims 19 and 31, Jasinaki discloses a mobile terminal suitable for receiving streaming information provided by a service provider, said mobile terminal comprising:

a digital broadcast receiver for receiving at least a first portion of said streaming information as a transmission burst (see col.7 lines 41-49);

means for powering up said digital broadcast receiver at a pre-determined powered-up time (see col.10 lines 16-37);

a receiver input buffer for storing said transmission burst (see 228, fig.4); and means for powering down said digital broadcast receiver at a pre-determined powered-down time (see col.8 lines 55-56, col.9 lines 10-14).

Regarding claim 20, Jasinaki discloses pre-determined powered-up time occurs a specified period of time subsequent to said pre-determined powered-down time (see col.8 lines 55-56, col.9 lines 10-14 and "timer", fig.4).

Regarding claim 27, Jasinaki discloses said pre-determined powered-up time occurs an incremental period of time subsequent to transmission of said transmission burst (see col.8 lines 55-56, col.9 lines 10-14 and "timer", fig.4).

Regarding claims 28 and 40, Jasinaki discloses an application processor for converting said transmission burst into an information data stream (see col.9 lines 11-30).

Regarding claim 34, Jasinaki discloses the information service provider provides at least one service via at least one information stream (see col.8 lines 16-39).

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

- (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.
- 4. Claims 1, 3, 8-9, 16-18, 44 and 46, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(e) as being unpatentable over Jasinaki (US Patent 5,070,329) in view of Sayers et al. (US Patent 6,539,237).

Regarding claim 1, Jasinaki discloses a method for providing streaming information from a service provider to a mobile terminal, said method comprising the steps of:

buffering (see col.3 lines 57-59) a first portion of an information stream in a first service input buffer as buffered data (see col.7 lines 41-49);

powering-up a receiver in the mobile terminal in synchronicity with said transmission burst such that the mobile terminal is powered-up when said transmission burst is being transmitted (see col.10 lines 17-18); and buffering said transmission burst in a receiver input buffer (see 228, fig.4).

Jasinaki fails to disclose transmitting said buffered data as a transmission burst in a timeslicing signal, said transmission burst having a duration smaller than the duration of said portion of said information stream.

In an analogous arts, digital receiver, Sayers et al. disclose transmitting said buffered data as a transmission burst in a time-slicing signal, said transmission burst having a duration smaller than the duration of said portion of said information stream (see col.4 lines 35-45). Therefore, It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to

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modify the system of Jasinaki with the above teaching of Sayers et al. in order to dividing streaming signals into blocks for protection against burst transmission errors.

Regarding claim 46, Jasinaki discloses a transmitter system for transmitting streaming information, said transmitter system comprising:

a service input buffer (see 210, 228, fig.4) for receiving the streaming information from a service provider; and a digital broadcast transmitter (see 24, fig.1) for transmitting said streaming information as bursts.

Jasinaki fails to disclose transmitting at a higher bit rate than the rate at which said streaming information is received from said service provider.

In an analogous arts, digital receiver, Sayers et al. disclose transmitting at a higher bit rate than the rate at which said streaming information is received from said service provider (see col.4 lines 35-45). Therefore, It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Jasinaki with the above teaching of Sayers et al. in order to dividing streaming signals into blocks for protection against burst transmission errors.

Regarding claim 3, the modified Jasinaki discloses said buffered data comprises at least one of: a predetermined amount of said information stream and an amount of said information stream received during a predetermined time interval (see Sayers et al., col.4 lines 35-45).

Regarding claims 8-9, the modified Jasinaki discloses the step of powering-down said receiver a predefined interval of time subsequent to said step of powering-up said receiver (see Jasinaki, col.8 lines 55-56).

Regarding claim 16, the modified Jasinaki discloses buffering a portion of a second information stream in a second service input buffer as second buffered data; and transmitting

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said second buffered data as a second transmission burst, said second transmission burst having a duration smaller than the duration of said portion of said second information stream (see Sayers et al., col.4 lines 35-45).

Regarding claims 17 and 44, the modified Jasinaki discloses of multiplexing said transmission burst with said second transmission burst to produce a time-division multiplexed signal (see Sayers et al., col.2 lines 30-39).

Regarding claim 18, the modified Jasinaki discloses step of buffering said first encapsulated data (see Sayer et al., col.27 lines6-7) and second encapsulated data in a network operator input buffer.

5. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(e) as being unpatentable over Jasinaki (US Patent 5,070,329) in view of Sayers et al. (US Patent 6,539,237) and further in view of Prall (US Pub. 2003/0110233).

Regarding claim 2, the modified Jasinaki fails to disclose service input buffer comprises at least one member of the group consisting of: a first-in-first-out (FIFO) buffer, an elastic buffer, a ring buffer, and a dual buffer having separate input and output sections.

In an analogous arts, packetized data transmission, Prall discloses to disclose service input buffer comprises at least one member of the group consisting of: a first-in-first-out (FIFO) buffer, an elastic buffer, a ring buffer, and a dual buffer having separate input and output sections (see fig.4). Therefore, It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of the modified Jainaki with the above teaching of Prall in order to improve transmit/receive data efficiency.

6. Claims 22 and 37, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(e) as being unpatentable over Jasinaki (US Patent 5,070,329) in view of Kalveram et al. (US Pub. 2001/0023184).

Regarding claims 22 and 37, Jasinaki fails to disclose said pre-determined powered-up time occurs an incremental period of time prior to occurrence of said transmission burst.

In an analogous arts, bursts transmission in blocks, Kalveram et al. discloses predetermined powered-up time occurs an incremental period of time prior to occurrence of said transmission burst (see par.019). Therefore, It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Jasinaki with the above teaching of Kalveram et al. in order to provide activate the mobile device in active mode before receiving a message.

7. Claims 29-30 and 42, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(e) as being unpatentable over Jasinaki (US Patent 5,070,329) in view of Drum et al. (US Patent 6,456,845).

Regarding claims 29-30 and 42, Jasinaki fails to disclose a stream filter for stripping said encapsulation from said transmission.

In an analogous arts, tracing signal, Drum et al. disclose a stream filter for stripping said encapsulation from said transmission (see col.11 lines 32-33). Therefore, It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Jasinaki with the above teaching of Kalveram in order to provide signaling message and uses information contained therein to create and distribute a second signaling message filter criteria.

8. Claims 43 and 45, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(e) as being unpatentable over Jasinaki (US Patent 5,070,329).

Regarding claims 43 and 45, Jasinaki fail to discloses a second information service provider for providing second streaming information; and a second service input buffer for storing at least an interval of said second streaming information; wherein said transmitter system broadcasts the contents of said second service input buffer as a second transmission burst. The Examiner takes an Official notice is taken that the concept "a second information service provider for providing second streaming information; and a second service input buffer for storing at least an interval of said second streaming information; wherein said transmitter system broadcasts the contents of said second service input buffer as a second transmission burst" are well known in the art. It would have been obvious plurality of broadcast stations transmitting different data streams such as video stream.

Allowable Subject Matter

9. Claims 4-7,10-14, 21, 23-26, 32-33, 35, 38-39, 41, 47-51 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding dependent claims 4, 34 and 38, the prior arts fail to teach "said step of powering-up said receiver occurs a specified interval of time prior to said step of transmitting", as cited in the claim.

Regarding dependent claim 10, the prior arts fail to teach "the step of returning said receiver to a powered-up mode in response to the setting of a power-up flag in said receiver input buffer", as cited in the claim.

Regarding dependent claims 12, 41 and 47, the prior arts fail to teach "step of transmitting comprises the steps of: encapsulating said buffered data using a multi-protocol encapsulator to form encapsulated data; and transmitting said encapsulated data as said transmission burst", as cited in the claim.

Regarding dependent claims 21 and 39, the prior arts fail to teach "said pre-determined powered-up time occurs at the setting of a flag indicating an almost-empty byte count in said receiver input buffer", as cited in the claim.

Regarding dependent claim 23, the prior arts fail to teach "wherein said incremental period of time comprises a member of the group consisting of: a bit rate adaptation time, a receiver switch-on time, a receiver acquisition time, and a bit-rate variation time interval", as cited in the claim.

Regarding dependent claims 26 and 35, the prior arts fail to teach "said pre-determined powered-down time occurs at the setting of a flag indicating an almost-full byte count in said receiver input buffer", as cited in the claim.

Regarding dependent claim 32, the prior arts fail to teach "wherein a usage factor for said receiver input buffer is a function of a usage factor for said service input buffer", as cited in the claim.

Regarding dependent claim 48, the prior arts fail to teach "a second multi-protocol encapsulator for encapsulating said second streaming information", as cited in the claim.

Regarding dependent claim 51, the prior arts fail to teach "said digital broadcasting transmitter is responsive to said service input buffer such that if the amount of data stored in said

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service input buffer meets a predetermined amount said digital broadcast transmitter transmits said data stored in said service input buffer as a transmission burst", as cited in the claim.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed Tu Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-7883. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 6:30AM-2:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Urban, can be reached at (571) 272-7899. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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